Collection Summary
Title: California GED Academy
Date (inclusive): 1984-2007
Identifier/Call Number: OTAN FA 002
Creator: California GED Academy
Physical Description: One box, fifteen folders
Repository: Sacramento County Office of Education. Outreach and Technical Assistance Network.
P.O. Box 269003
Sacramento, CA 95826-9003

Abstract: The California GED Academy was originated by the California Department of Education in the mid-1980s as an in-service and networking opportunity for GED teachers working in adult education programs. Its purpose was to improve student learning and to build a peer support system among GED teachers. The collection consists of papers and flyers collected by a participant and leader in the GED Academy and covers the period 1984-2006. Of particular interest are copies of memos to the field from the California Department of Education proposing to plan for an academy and announcing the first academies. Several documents relate to the evaluation of the first year of the academy.

Language of Material: English

Physical Location: The materials are in the California Adult Education Archives maintained by the Outreach and Technical Assistance Network at the Sacramento county Office of Education. For current information on the location of the materials, please consult the OTAN Web site at http://www.otan.us.

Access
The collection is open for research by appointment. Please call the Outreach and Technical Assistance Network.

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Acquisition Information
The California GED Academy collection was donated to the California Adult Education Archives by Margaret Rogers, formerly a GED instructor at Winterstein Adult School, San Juan USD, who was one of the original facilitator/trainers for the Academy, and by Cuba Miller, who was a member of the Advisory Consortium.

Administrative History
The California GED Academy was originated by the California Department of Education in the mid-1980’s as an in-service and networking opportunity for GED teachers working in adult education programs. Its purpose was to improve student learning and to build a peer support system among GED teachers. The first academies were held in six geographic regions and consisted of four half-day sessions, two weeks apart. There were several sessions a year. The GED Academy concept was successful and continued in various formats for over twenty years. The California Council for Adult Education (CCAE), a professional organization, took over the sponsorship of the Academy. The Academy was particularly active when the GED test was periodically updated, requiring modification in teaching techniques.

Corporate Names
Association of California School Administrators. Foundation for Educational Administration
California Council for Adult Education
California GED Academy
California. State Dept. of Education. Adult Education Program Services
California. State Dept. of Education. GED Unit

Personal Names
Kimberly A. Edwards
Margaret Rogers

Subject (ERIC Thesaurus)
Educational Testing  
Equivalency Tests  
High School Equivalency Programs  
Staff Development  

**Scope and Content of the Collection**  
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**Arrangement of the Collection**  
The material is organized into 15 folders by topic and date, and the folders are filed chronologically.  

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Series 1 *California GED Academy 1984-2007*  
Physical Description: One box  

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CA GED Academy-Origins 1984-1985  
Physical Description: One folder  

**Folder 1 : 2**  
CA GED Academy, Year 1 1985-1986  
Physical Description: One folder  

**Folder 1 : 3**  
CA GED Academy, Year 2 1986-1987  
Physical Description: One folder  

**Folder 1 : 4**  
CA GED Academy, Year 3 1987-1988  
Physical Description: One folder  

**Folder 1 : 5**  
CA GED Academy-Philosophy, Goals, Structure, Content 1987  
Physical Description: One folder  

**Folder 1 : 6**  
CA GED Academy-Publicity Samples, undated 1986-1988  
Physical Description: One folder  

**Folder 1 : 7**  
CA GED Academy-Focus Questions, CBAE Staff Development Project 1987  
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